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**Milwaukee Child Welfare Partnership Council
Health and Education Committee Meeting
Wednesday, February 15, 2012
12:00 – 2:00
6111 N. Teutonia Avenue**

Arlene Happach, BMCW
Linda Davis, Chair
Earnestine Willis, Co-Chair
Chris Holmes, Black Health Coalition
Chris Schafer, Wraparound
Bruce Kamradt, Wraparound
Michelle Urban, BMCW
Kathy Elertson, BMCW
Kerri Tyler, Black Health Coalition
Jacqueline Mitchell, Perez Pena
Mike Boeder, IFS
Dena Radtke, MPS
Ann Leinfelder Grove, St. Aemilian-Lakeside
Julie Brown, UWM
Amy Herbst, CSSW
Aretha Braun, Kids Matter
Lucille Rosenberg, Community Volunteer
Mary Sowinski, CCC
Sandy Delaney, BMCW

Report on ACF Conference on Education – Arlene Happach

- Arlene Happach attended the ACF Conference on Child Welfare, Education and the Courts, and distributed and discussed information on the Conference.
- Wisconsin attendees at the conference came up with two short-term and two long-term goals.
 - The first short-term goal is to increase the judicial involvement in educational issues. An Education Checklist was revised for Court in an attempt to make its use consistent in all 72 counties. There will be training for all Judges in all the various jurisdictions.
 - The second short-term goal is to increase enrollment in Headstart. There are currently 86 Milwaukee foster children in Headstart.
 - The first long-term goal is how to make foster children's school experiences better. The Casey Endless Dreams Program is a curriculum that trains everyone that touches a foster child's life about what the foster care experience is about. Milwaukee will try to pilot this program in other Wisconsin counties prior to piloting it in Milwaukee County.
 - Discussion was had around how to roll this out in Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS).

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- One issue being worked on is to get a legal agreement created to ensure that all Wisconsin counties know that foster parents have the authority to sign permission slips for foster children to be able to participate in school functions and events. Other issues being worked on include school credit transfers, and professional development.
- The second long-term goal is around data-sharing and gathering aggregate data. A possible data system to use is the KIDS system. A barrier to data-sharing is FERPA because of its high confidentiality levels.

Education Liaison Summary – Elena Montes and Chris Shafer

- Chris Shafer distributed and discussed the 6-month Educational Liaison Summary. The Education Liaison was consulted regarding 144 children during this timeframe.
- Suggestions were made to track this data going forward. More outcome data is needed.

Meeting/Proposed Collaboration with Head Start – Arlene Happach and Linda Davis

- The Federal contracts will be re-bid at the Federal level. The initial Request for Proposal (RFP) comes out in March. The decision won't be made until after November 2012.
- Linda Davis and Arlene Happach have been attending meetings regarding proposed collaborations with Head Start. A draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is being created using an Illinois document. Discussion was had around enrollment of children into Head Start.
- Suggestion was made to set up an MOU with all agencies that are applying for the new contracts. Warning was given that this suggestion should be run past a lawyer first to ensure legality.

Update on Education Information Collection – Sandy Delaney

- Sandy Delaney, BMCW Program Evaluation Manager (PEM), distributed and presented an update on the Education Information Collection tracking project.
- eWiSACWIS was changed to better capture the education information that is needed. The production changes went into effect in the October build. BMCW and vendor staff have been trained on the new process.
- The current Education Screen Use Report Heading list was distributed. New headers are being created. Feedback was requested from the Health Committee. Committee members should e-mail their feedback to Sandy Delaney at sandra.delaney@wisconsin.gov.